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S E C R E T CANBERRA 5577

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PRC AMBASSADOR WANG KUO-
CH'UAN

REF: (A) STATE 181482, (B) ROME 11709

1. EMBASSY CANBERRA HAS LITTLE TO ADD TO BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON WANG CONTAINED IN REF (A). WANG WAS NOT A CONSPICUOUS FIGURE IN CANBERRA, ALTHOUGH WHETHER FOR RETICENCE OR HEALTH REASONS IS NOT CLEAR. WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT DURING MOST OF HIS TOUR HERE HE WAS SUFFERING FROM WHAT WAS VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS A "BLOOD" OR "LUNG" OR "STOMACH" PROBLEM. HE SELDOM VENTURED OUT IN PUBLIC, AND ALTHOUGH HIS MISSION WAS INVITED TO THREE CONSECUTIVE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS AT THE EMBASSY, HE ATTENDED NONE A(ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE HIS FAILURE TO ATTEND WAS MOTIVATED BY POLITICAL REASONS). DURING MOST OF HIS TOUR, THE PRC MISSION WAS ABLY REPRESENTED BY DCM CHU CH'I-CHEN WHO WAS GREGARIOUS AND ENJOYED MOVING AROUND AMONG PEOPLE.

2. WANG'S WIFE WAS CARRIED ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST WITH
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THE RANK OF COUNSELOR, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT SHE DID; MOST OF THE MARRIED PRC DIPLOMATS DO HAVE WIVES ON THE LIST, FOR REASONS UNCLEAR.

3. COPIES OF A NOT PARTICULARLY CLEAR PHOTOGRAPH OF WANG ARE BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY, ONE TO ROME/POLITICAL SECTION, AND ONE TO THE DEPARTMENT, INR/OIL/B. NOTE

THAT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OBTAINED FROM A FRIENDLY
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NOT OUR OWN), AND WANG'S NAME IS
MISSPELLED. ALSTON

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